GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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CULTURAL AND MORAL POLICING
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of vandalism and rampage are on the rise in the country in the name of cultural and moral policing in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents reported during the last one year, Statewise;

(c) the total number of accused persons arrested and the law under which action has been taken against the accused; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to stop such incidents effectively in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISAWAL)

(a) to (d): Incidents of vandalism are reported from various parts of the country from time to time. As per the Constitution, Law and Order and "Public Order" is a State subject, and it is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to take action such as registration/investigation of cases, arrest of accused persons etc.,in case of occurrence of such incidents.Accordingly,the State-wise data on such incidents is not Centrally maintained.

The Central Government,however,monitors law and order situation in the country on a regular basis, and in the process,maintains close contact with State Governments, besides sharing information with them.Whenever necessary, advisories are also sent to the State Governments. When necessary, the Central Government, on the request of the State Government(s) also provides assistance in the form of deployment of Central para-military forces to aid the States to effectively deal with any specific situation that may arise.